

TRIBUTE TO COLONEL CARL J.  
LEININGER

**HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 18, 1999*

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, I would like to pay tribute to an outstanding American, an outstanding soldier, and an outstanding officer who has contributed immeasurably to the good relations between the Army and the House of Representatives. On December 31, 1999, Colonel Carl J. Leininger retires after over 28 years of dedicated service to America and our great Army. Throughout his career, Carl Leininger has provided forward-looking leadership characterized by a unique intellect and strategic vision. He has served with distinction in positions of increasing responsibility from platoon to the Office of the Secretary of Defense, always demonstrating the highest degree of leadership and professionalism, while making lasting contributions to Army readiness and mission accomplishment.

As we honor his retirement, we note that Colonel Leininger's distinguished career has stretched nearly three decades, culminating in his service as Chief of the Army's Congressional Activities Division. In this position, Colonel Leininger has served as principal advisor to the Army's senior leaders for their personal meetings with Members of Congress, and for their testimony before committees of this House. He has ensured that the Army's senior leaders provide a coherent, cohesive and meaningful message to the Congress. Colonel Leininger has also contributed to the increasingly effective relations between the Army and the House with his active sponsorship of an annual Congressional Briefing Conference for the Army's Congressional Actions Contact Officers, allowing Members to connect with those managing the planning and programming of Army resources.

Colonel Carl Leininger was born in Pennsylvania, but grew up Indiana. Carl and I graduated together from Andrean High School in 1967. There our paths diverged, I staying home to attend Indiana University, and Carl heading to the banks of the Hudson to attend the United States Military Academy. While there, he played basketball for someone who has since become an Indiana institution, Coach Bob Knight. Graduating from West Point in 1971, Carl was commissioned a second lieutenant of infantry. After receiving his Airborne wings and Ranger tab, Carl's first assignment was as an infantry platoon leader in the 4th Infantry Division at Fort Carson, Colorado.

Colonel Leininger then transferred to Military Intelligence, serving in intelligence assignments at battalion, division, the Army's Intelligence Threat and Analysis Center, and Supreme Headquarters, Allied Powers Europe. Carl also received a masters in political science from Yale, taught social science at West Point, and served as an Army congressional fellow to another Indiana legend, Representative Lee Hamilton.

For the last decade, Carl Leininger has served at the highest levels of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, the Army, and the De-

fense Department. He served as a speech writer to the SACEUR, the Army Chief of Staff, and the Secretary of Defense. He also served as Chief of the Army's Congressional Activities Division. In these positions, Carl has exhibited that rare combination of Midwestern-bred common sense, Ivy League-honed scholarship, and West Point-forged sense of Duty, Honor and Country in making extremely complicated issues readily understandable for senior Defense and Army officials, Members of Congress, and the public at large.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you and all of my colleagues join me in congratulating Colonel Leininger on a productive and happy retirement. I offer my personal thanks to my longtime friend, a soldier whose selfless service has truly made a difference, Colonel Carl Leininger.

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF DORIS  
RENICK

**HON. MIKE THOMPSON**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, last week the Coyote Valley Band of Pomo Indians lost a very dear friend, spiritual symbol and elder—Doris Renick.

Doris was an active and visionary leader and the Tribe's many successes can be attributed to her tenure as tribal administrator and chairperson.

In fact, while serving as chairperson and with the help of other family members, Doris was instrumental in getting the land base in Redwood Valley redesignated from a rancheria to what is now known as the Coyote Valley Reservation. This accomplishment opened the door for obtaining housing for tribal members and to have a recreation building constructed on the reservation.

But key to the community's future was finding new economic opportunities. As such, many say that Doris' most important accomplishment was the opening in 1993 of the Shodakai Coyote Valley Casino, which now provides more than 200 jobs for tribal members and neighbors.

As a State senator, I had a number of occasions to work with Doris and I can attest to her enthusiasm and caring attitude. In fact, her active involvement in a number of local, State, and national organizations attests to her interest in serving all citizens and her ability in bringing people together. Doris, for example served on the Mendocino County Economic Development Commission and helped promote county-wide projects that benefited all residents, not just her Tribe.

Doris also chaired the California Council of Tribal Governments, the California Elders Program, the Consolidated Indian Health Consortium, and the California Indian Health and Disability Board. And she took particular interest in Indian education and bilingual/bicultural programs. Interestingly, her advocacy for improving the delivery of health care came not only from her training and work as a registered nurse, but also her longtime bout with severe rheumatoid arthritis. To be sure, the disability never slowed her down.

Mr. Speaker, the members of the Coyote Valley Band of Pomo Indians and residents of Mendocino County celebrate the life of Doris Renick. She will be sorely missed, though all around us there are continual reminders of her loving and caring nature.

I join the community and family and friends in mourning Doris' passing and celebrating her life and I extend my heartfelt condolences to all whose lives were touched by her.

HONORING OF JEAN AND FRANK  
PERRUCCI, RECIPIENTS OF THE  
"LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT COUPLE"  
AWARD FROM THE BAYONNE  
HISTORICAL SOCIETY,  
INC.

**HON. ROBERT MENENDEZ**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 18, 1999*

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Jean and Frank Perrucci for receiving the "Lifetime Achievement Couple" award from the Bayonne Historical Society, Inc., and for their extraordinary accomplishments in community service.

The Perrucci's, who have dedicated their time and service to the City of Bayonne for more than fifty years, are the first couple to be jointly recognized by the organization. From veterans organizations, to school charities and church functions, the Perrucci's willingness to get involved and work toward the improvement of the City of Bayonne has been exceptional.

A World War II veteran of the United States Army and the Maritime Service, Mr. Perrucci has continued to play an integral role in a variety of veterans groups. Of the many organizations he is involved with, Mr. Perrucci serves as chairman of the World War II Welfare Fund and as commander of the Hudson County Catholic War Veterans. In addition, he is president of Bayonne for the Battleship of New Jersey, Inc.

Mr. Perrucci's efforts on behalf of war veterans have not gone unnoticed. He has been recognized by the Catholic War Veterans, receiving the Hudson County Home Award and Hudson County Commanders Award, and was honored again by the National Catholic War Veterans, receiving the National Award and the Lifetime Member Award.

Jean Perrucci, a life-long resident of Bayonne, has been a community activist for more than three decades. Never turning away from a challenge or the chance to help someone in need, Mrs. Perrucci is a wonderful role model for civic and community involvement.

Mrs. Perrucci has been instrumental to so many organizations, offering her knowledge, guidance, and experience. From serving as Chair of the "I Love Bayonne" project, to collecting food for the Make A Difference Day program, to raising funds for the Bayonne Vietnam Memorial monument, Mrs. Perrucci's work has greatly impacted the lives of the residents of Bayonne.

Mr. and Mrs. Perrucci, the parents of four children and seven grandchildren, spearheaded and founded a grassroots organization called the Concerned Citizens of Bayonne